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The Appeal Brief filed on 19 September 2005 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

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1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed or confirmed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. ☒ (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
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The "Summary of claimed subject matter" section appearing on pages 2-8 does not provide references to the specification by page and line number in support of a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in the independent claims. While references to the drawings are made throughout, 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v) also requires references to the specification. Further, the subject matter in this section appears to be a general summary of the subject matter found in the specification, but does not concisely provide an "explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal". The subject matter defined in the claims should be explained in terms of corresponding locations in the specification. Also, it is noted that page headers appearing on pages 2-14 and A1-A7 have a typo resulting in referencing the wrong application number (09/733,387 instead of 09/773,387).

  
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